How to Use this Assessment

This assessment explores key characteristics of a hoarding situation to quantify impacts on the client and gauge the level of risk. This view informs action plans and guides intervention, assessment and referrals.

The HOMES assessment requires a visual scan of the environment. A conversation with the person(s) in the home is also recommended.

The first half of this assessment explores household composition, risk, client strengths and capacity, and both informal and formal support networks.

The second half of this assessment (HOMES) explores the effect of clutter/hoarding on Health, Obstacles, Mental Health, Endangerment and Structure within the hoarding situation.

Household Composition
# and age of adults____________________________
# and age of children____________________________
# and type of pets ______________________________
In home smoking ☐ Yes ☐ No
Person(s) with physical disability ☐ Yes ☐ No
Language(s) spoken in home_______________________

Risk Measurements
☐ Imminent harm to self, family, animals, public
☐ Threat of eviction
☐ “Do Not Occupy” order has been issued

Client Strengths and Capacity
☐ Accurately aware of clutter
☐ Acknowledges risks to health/safety/housing stability and impact on daily life
☐ Physically able to clear clutter
☐ Psychologically able to tolerate intervention
☐ Willing to accept intervention assistance

Support Network
Verbal Consent to contact informal support ☐ Yes ☐ No

Informal Supports/Helpers - Describe informal supports and what do they do for the client: __________________________

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Family Physician

Formal Supports/Services - Describe what other agencies are involved and what they do for the client:

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Additional Notes

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### HOMES® Assessment

#### Health
- Can’t access or use toilet
- Can’t prepare food
- Urine/feces (human or animal)
- Mold/chronic dampness
- Can’t use stove/fridge/sink
- Pests in home
- Can’t sleep in bed
- Can’t use shower
- Spoiled food
- Garbage overflow
- Can’t locate medications or equipment

Notes: ___________________________________________________________________

#### Obstacles
- Safe movement inhibited
- Blocked egress/vents
- Unstable piles/avalanche risk
- EMT unable to enter/gain access

Notes: ___________________________________________________________________

#### Mental Health
- Lacks insight re: problem severity
- Lacks insight regarding consequences
- Confused
- Defensive/angry
- Anxious/fearful
- Low mood/sadness

Notes: ___________________________________________________________________

#### Endangerment
- Child/minor
- Disabled person
- Older adult
- Animals

Notes: ___________________________________________________________________

#### Structure & Safety
- Unstable floorboards/stairs/porch
- Electrical wires/cords exposed
- No running water/plumbing problems
- Flammable items near heat source
- Blocked/unsafe electric heater or vents
- Storage of hazardous materials/weapons
- Leaking roof
- Caving walls
- No heat/electricity
- No working smoke alarms
- No CO2 detectors

Notes: ___________________________________________________________________

### Post-Assessment Plan

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Unable to access the home for a complete assessment

Higher scores indicate heightened risk and safety concerns

(H+O+S) Premises severity /26

(M+E) Protection severity /10

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